GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:3
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2006
COT XS PDS QUOTA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of foodgrains distributed under the Public Distribution System (PDS) are proposed to be increased;

(b) if so, whether the quantity of foodgrains being distributed under PDS is also proposed to be reduced:

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether several State Governments have requested the Union Government to maintain the quota as before; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 3 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 24.07.2006 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) to (c): Keeping in view the reduced availability of foodgrains, especially wheat, in the Central Pool and to ensure that the subsidy remains targeted towards poor households as well as to check diversion, the Government took decisions to rationalize the allocation of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and to raise the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of foodgrains for Above the Poverty Line (APL) households.

(d) & (e): The Government, considering the representations from State Governments and others, has decided to postpone the implementation of these decisions.